



# New For 2008 Spiny Lobster Report Card



## What is the purpose of the Spiny Lobster Report Card?

The Department needs the information to properly manage the lobster resource.

## Who needs a Spiny Lobster Report Card?

Every person fishing for or taking spiny lobster for recreational purposes. Including persons who are not required to have a sport fishing license, such as:

- children who are under 16 years of age,
- persons fishing from a public pier, and
- persons fishing on free fishing days.

## How much does it cost?

\$7.90 for each card.

## When will I need a Spiny Lobster Report Card?

Beginning September 27, 2008, the start of the 2008 recreational lobster season.

## How long is a Spiny Lobster Report Card valid?

From January 1 through December 31 each year.

## Can I buy more than one card?

Yes. If a lobster fisherman fills in all lines on the card and returns the card to the Department, an additional card may be purchased. Cards must be returned no later than January 31<sup>st</sup> of the following year.

## Do I need an Ocean Enhancement Stamp to take spiny lobster?

Yes. You need an Ocean Enhancement Stamp to take spiny lobster south of Point Arguello (Santa Barbara County), except:

- while fishing with a One-Day or Two-Day Sport Fishing License,
- for children who are under 16 years of age,
- on free fishing days, and
- while fishing from a public pier.

## What gear can I use?

Lobster may be taken by hand and hoop nets (see Section 29.80 of the regulations for more information).

## What information do I need to record on the Spiny Lobster Report Card?

Whenever you go fishing for lobster, record the month, day, location code and gear code on the first available line on the report card. After you finish fishing, record the number of spiny lobster kept. This information would be recorded as follows:

MONTH	DAY	LOCATION CODE	GEAR CODE	LOBSTER RETAINED
12	15	31	1	2

The gear codes and location codes are printed on the back of each card.

**Free Fishing Days! June 7, 2008 and September 27, 2008**

More information is available in the 2008 Ocean Sport Fishing California Marine Regulations or on the Department's web site at [www.dfg.ca.gov](http://www.dfg.ca.gov)